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# AMERICANS CUT DOWN GERMANS TRYING TO RETAKE VAUX; ITALIANS GAIN NEAR MOUTH OF PIAVE; CAPTURE 1,900; BAKER SAYS 5,600 U.S. AIRPLANES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED

# HEAVY GUNS AND PEACE TO END BROWNINGS NOW GOING OVERSEAS

gress Army Production Is "Around Corner."

Ordnance Factories Already Turning Out Explosives.

2,000,000 MEN IN ARMS

Says Nearly Every Man in war was virtually assured to-day when Training Camps Is Anxious for First Line Service.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

Washington, July 3 .- American production of battle planes and heavy and ight artillery for the fighting forces in systems should be turned back to their France has at last "turned the corner" and these powerful and necessary weapquantity. Nearly a month ago combat planes for the American army were being delivered at the rate of 80 a week. This became known to-day when a leter from Secretary Baker to Representaive Dent (Ala.), chairman of the House Military Committee, describing in detail the development of the army since the declaration of war and its present condiion, was made public. The letter was in reply to a communication from Mr. Dent asking for the information.

To June 8, the letter stated, 285 com-bat planes had been delivered, in addito 4.495 elementary training planes and \$20 advanced training planes. More than 2,000 Liberty motors had been delivered to the army and navy. The average weekly production of flying mamotors in April was 96, in May 143, and for the first week of June 115. chine guns for airplanes to the extent of 37,250 had been delivered on June 8. Heavy Ordnance Coming Through.

guns, both light and heavy, are highly satisfactory, some 900 of the heavy type having been delivered in May and twice many of the light type. Quantity production in the artillery programme is beginning, the letter stated, despite the date of the proclamation by the Presienormous difficulties which had to be dent of the exchange or catification of overcome in creating facilities for a vast a treaty of peace: Provided that just

The first of the four Government owned factories for making powder and ligh explusives has been completed and is already turning out munitions. American ordnance engineers, the letter pointed out, are "well on their way to a sires the enactment of the considered impossible for light artillery except over good roads and has slowed up advancing troops while their supportng guns were brought forward. June 8 the Ordnance Department demenstrated a five ton armored artillery tractor, the letter said, which proved capable of hauling a 4.7 inch howitzer weighing about 9,000 pounds over the The letter follows:

June 28, 1918. Mr Dean Me Dear: I have received your letter of June 27, reminding me that just a year has elapsed since the first American troops were landed in France, and suggesting that I furnish the Committee on Military Affairs of the House a summary of the developments of the military establishment in the fifteen months since Congress declared war against the Imperial German Government. Any such report might go into almost limitless detail. I am happy, however, to have an opportunity to comply with your request and hi do so as fully as the compass of a

1 Since April 6, 1917, the Regular Army has increased from 5,791 officers and 121,797 enlisted men to 11,365 offi tional Guard in Federal service from 3,733 officers and 76,713 enlisted men to 17,070 officers and 417,441 enlisted men; the Reserve Corps in actual service has Increased from 4,000 enlisted men to 131,968 officers and 78,560 enlisted men; National Army has been created th an enlisted force of approximately

The army has increased in fourteen listed men to approximately 160,400 libers and 2,010,000 enlisted men. The number of men in France or en route to France, including combatants. the units which go to make up an en-re army, is, on July 1, practically

### Supplies for Soldiers.

The size of this undertaking may be test understood by taking typical pur-chases by the Quartermaster Corps from the beginning of the war to June HARDWARE AND METALS.

VEHICLES AND HARNESS

ANIMALS. Horses and mules, each.. Continued on Third Page. WIRE CONTROL BY NEW PLAN

Secretary Baker Tells Con- House Interstate Committee Agrees on Telegraph and Telephone Measure.

285 COMBAT PLANES QUICK ACTION EXPECTED

Four Government Owned Cable and Radio Lines Also to Be Placed Under President's Rule.

> Special Despatch to THE SCN. WASHINGTON, July 3.-Limitation of Government control of telegraph and telephone systems to the period of the the House Interstate Commerce Committee, in an executive session, substituted for the Aswell resolution one drawn by Representative Sanderson (La.) granting the President power to perate the systems "in time of war." The Aswell resolution provided no time when the telephone and telegraph private owners and empowered the President at any time "for public reasons" to take over and operate the sys-This the majority of the committee insisted was too broad in its scope and would give the Chief Executive power to keep the systems under the direction and control of the Government long after the war emergency had passed and possibly forever. The new resolution was adopted by the commit-

#### tee finally without dissent from any of "Until Peace Is Ratified."

Representative Coady (Md.) offered an amendment to the new resolution providing that the President should turn the companies back to private ownership six months after the establishment of peace. This motion was besten in ommittee, 9 to 8.

The new resolution after the resolvng cliuse reads as follows:

"That the President in time of war s authorized and empowered to supervise or take possession and assume con-trol of any telegraph, telephone, marine Deliveries of the Browning machine cable or cadio system or systems or any part thereof and to operate the same in such mannef as may be needful or de- in Berlin with delegates from Russia. sirable for the duration of the war, which supervision, possession, control or operation shall not extend beyond the compensation shall be made for such supervision, possession, control or op-

The report was widespread and undenied in the House to-day that the President has let it be known that he desolution of the problem of the motoriza-tion of field artillery." This had been This probably means that the resolution restoration of Serbia; all German will be passed by the House Friday or Saturday. Naturally the Senate will mercial subjects of the Central Powers

Just Compensation Provided.

that general provision was made that ish troops. just compensation should be given the Government.

opposition, and in fact little debate, is The writer thinks that a declaration expected when it comes before the by enemy statesmen that such a peace to refuse whatever the President feels is an essential to the military success of the nation, and as the need for the resolution has been placed on that ground it is expected to go through.

### UNIVERSAL MILEAGE TICKETS ARE COMING To Be Good on Any Road-3

Cent Basic Rate.

Special Despatch to THE SEN. WASHINGTON, July 3 .- Universal mileage tickets to be sold at the basic rate of 3 cents a mile are to be issued by all of the Government operated railroads August 1 or as soon after that date such negotiations with England, but at practicable.

These scrip tickets will be good not only on all Government lines, but they will be accepted in payment for Pullman berths, for other Pullman accomtions, for excess baggage and all other charges. It is believed that their issue will not only be a great convenience to negotiate directly with the enemy. That the public but will greatly simplify rallaccounting between the various lines, and work ticket selling and other

The mileage scrip tickets are to be issued first in 1,000 mile groups, but larger ones will be issued if they are nded by the public.

The war tax will be collected by con-ductors at the time of the presentation of the mileage scrip.

Each coupon will represent the value of 3 cents, thus making the coupons usable for all charges by a simple com-

putation.

Persons taking a long trip will be urged to buy trip tickets as an economy to themselves. On long trips when the journey can be mide by one or more roads all fares are to be on the basis of the short haul route.

of the short has 12,000 For instance, the fare for the New York to Chicago trip is on the short line basis. If a person elects to take the long route and pays by mileage the cost will be greater than if travelling

for Allied Protection

ARCHANGEL, Russia, July 3. -The Consuls of France, the —The Consuls of France, the United States and Great Britain received to-day a deputation of delegates from the Murman coast and the White Sea coast asking for the protection of the Entente allied Governments.

# **GERMANS OFFER NEW PEACE BAIT**

Newspaper Sets Forth Terms for Treaty.

AIMS AT GREAT BRITAIN

Demands Egypt Be Resiored to Status Quo and German Colonies Returned.

pecial Cable Despatch to The Sca from the China. London Times.

Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. London, July 3.—Before Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Minster, delivered his now famous speech sische Zeitung-called "Balfour or Peace," Mr. Balfour's violent anti-Germanism severely punished. and proceeded to explain that Great Britain was victimizing all her allies by refusing to allow them to negotiate separately; it ended with positive sug-Germany might be willing to consider. After a long account of Mr. Balfour's

bad character the writer in the Vossiche Zeifung proceeds: "It might perhaps clear the situation least the great English newspapers, assume by way of preface that affairs in that Germany and her allies shortly will discuss the Brest-Litovsk peace afresh

Foundations for Peace.

picture-we might sketch the future

"Belgium is to be completely restored as an independent sovereign state France recovers all the territory occupled by Germany and the two neighbors arrive at a friendly agreement about the frontier line agreeable to them both similar conditions are agreed upon be tween Austria-Hungary and Italy and Austria-Hungary negotiates about the who have been deprived of their property overseas are to be reinstated in their former rights or possession with-The new resolution was not approved out diminution; England evacuates abby the House Interstate Commerce solutely the Turkish territories she oc-Commission until it had been so drawn cupies and Persta is evacuated by Brit-

"In Egypt the conditions existing be telegraph and telephone companies dur- fore the war are restored; the passage ing the time they are operated by the of the Dardanelles is opened to Russia upon the basis of a treaty with the As the resolution now is drawn little States bordering upon the Black Sea."

House. The temper of the House is not would be thoroughly satisfactory would constitute a considerable step toward peace negotiations.

Restoration of Colonies.

The Vossische Zeitung article, like plum for Japan. It appears that Enging out the Japanese. Germany, on the hand, mitht get the Japanese wishes. The Vossische Zeitung

puts it thus: "The question of the restoration of all the German solonies is not for a moment of doubt for any German politician, but if Germany were in the future to permit negotiations with her about the sale or exchange of South Sea Isl ands she doubtless never would conduc most, perhaps, with that Asiatic Powe whose natural sphere of interest Ger many recognizes the Pacific Ocean to be.

"The insolence with which the English imperialists already are disposing
of the South Sea Islands against the interest of Japan shows for what reason England will not permit her allies negotiate directly with the enemy. T

## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS JOIN IN PEACE MOVE Demand That Fatherland

Party Abandon Platform.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, July 3 .- The peace move ment in Germany seems to be gaining headway, according to despatches from Amsterdam. At a meeting of the Rhine Provinces Social Democratic party at 'ologne Deputy Meerfeld, a member of the Reichstag, strongly criticised the ob-scure policy of the Government, which may prolong the war for many years. The meeting adopted unantmously

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Russians Make Appeal CZECHO-SLOVAK NAVY HELPS IN **REVOLT TURNS** INTO CIVIL WAR

> Rallying All Anti-German Elements.

Entente Statesmen Hopeful Austrians Assert That Two Inspired Article in Berlin New Government Will Be Set | Attempts to Cross the Piave Up in Siberia.

> Special Cable Despatch to Tax 6cx. Copyright, 1915; all rights reserved. LONDON, July 3 .- The latest informa-Czecł o-Slovak rebellion is assuming vast dimensions. According to official despatches received in London, Czecho-Slovaks are rallying all the anti-German factions and they hold the line of the Siberian railroad for a considerable distance, thus preventing Germany from getting supplies from eastern Siberia and

This is important in view of China's enters the Adriatic removal of her embargo against the land or water transport of food and goods to the German Foreign Office press bureau Russia. China justifies her action on launched one of its most remarkable the grounds that imports into Russia essays-an article in the Berlin Vos- can have no influence on the war, that the Chinese in Russia have suffered on and attributed to George Bernhard. It account of the embargo, and that the began with a careful denunciation of Chinese commercial interests are being

It is known that cargoes from China composed of the commodities which Germany most needs have been sent up the gestions of the sort of proposals that shipped east of Lake Baikal to the Siberian railroad

Fear Goods Will Reach Germans. The policy of helping the Siberians with food and goods would be excellent somewhat if English statesmen, or at if the Allies were certain that these supplies actually reach the native populawould say whether they regard us ac- tion, but it is known that large stocks ceptable the following sketch of the joint of coffee, leather, fats and oils which are result of separate negotiations: We reaching Irkutsk from Viadivostok were shipped westward, with every probabil-Russia are still in a state of flux and ity that they would benefit the Germans

So long, however, as the Czeche Slovaks, with their 50,000 men, control the trans-Siberian railroad there is little probability that the recent snipments "For the rest-purely as an imaginary will fall into German hands.

### ENTENTE DIPLOMATS KEENLY INTERESTED Watching Czecho-Slovak Re-

volt With View to Helping.

WASHINGTON, July 2 -- Unexpected development of strength by the Czecho-Slovak bands which are making their way across the Siberian plains from tention of officials here, and formed the basis of earnest conference among

the diplomatic representatives of the Entente Powers. Official reports received to-day confirmed and amplified press despatches that the Czecho-Slovaks had taken over administration of the Pacific port of Vladivostok after overcoming armed opposition by the Bolsheviki in a battle which there was considerable loss of life. The significance of this event, as seen by officials, lies in the fact that there is now a real nucleus in Siberia for the gathering of the various elements which have revolted against

German influences. All Depends on Leadership.

While it is by no means certain that the Entente Allies or America are dis-posed, at present at least, to take ad-vantage of the situation thus created to begin a military campaign in that quarter it is regarded as a valuable asset in the solution of the problem that through this unprompted action Czecho-Slovaks have definitely halted the spread of German control to the eastern coast of Siberia, and fur-ther assured the safety from German seizure of the vast store of military ipplies at Vladivostok and vicinity. Whether the Czecho-Slovaks can take

## Think of Our Soldiers on the Glorious Fourth!

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THERE is no better way demonstrate your thankfulness for freedom than by taking thought of the welfare of our soldier boys, who are fighting for it Over There.

A recent distribution of smokes from THE SUN Tobacco Fund brought this card from Sergeant George W. Ethridge, a New York boy, now with Company C, 151st Machine Gun Battalion, to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pinchot: "You have helped make

large bunch of fellows happy. Keep the good work up in the say 'We will certainly take care of the Germans.'" For ways to celebrate see

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HEAVY BLOW IN FLOODED LAND

Russian Revolutionists Are Italians Also Consolidate Positions They Gained in San Lorenzo Valley,

HOLD MUCH OF RAILWAY COUNTER DRIVE REPULSED

Were Beaten Off.

Paris, July 2 .- The Italians suddenly have transferred their main offensive movement from the mountain regions to the lower Plave, where by a success sion of heavy strokes against the Aus trians they have advanced against desperate enemy resistance. The statement of the War Office in Rome to-day says that 1,900 Austrians were taken prisoner in the new smash of the Italans, together with machine guns, trench guns and war materials. The fighting try, close to the point where the Play

ing on the Plave front, mentions the attack by the Italians and asserts that it was a failure. The Austrians charge that the Italians made two unsuccessful attempts to cross the river, one near the mouth and the other in the vicinity of Zenson.

On the Asiago Plateau the Italians which were launched with the idea of in London. The document is lengthy recapturing the ground. Following the and recounts all the well known grievrepulse of these attacks the Italians have ances concerning British misgovernment ing in the mountain section the Italians have added 621 more Austrians to the

The official statements on the fighting

ITALIAN-On the lower Plave we carried out yesterday a series of ener-getic thrusts, gaining ground in spite of the obstinate resistance of the enof the obstinate residence of the comy, who attempted to take every advantage of the difficult zone, which was partly flooded. We took about 1,900 prisoners, including forty-five officers, together with machine guns, small trench guns and various material

In the region northwest of the Grappa, having successfully stemmed an enemy counter attack at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, the valiant tenone of the Ninth Army Corps consolidated themselves in the positions reached yesterday with such great elan. The total number of prisoners has reached twenty-five officers and 196 of other ranks. We also took twenty-two machine guns and a large quantity of war material. On the Asiago plateau French parties, during brilliant raids in the

Zoochi region, brought back prisoners AUSTRIAN - Early vesterday morning on the whole Playe front from Susegana downward the Italians began a violent bombardment, which increased to drumfire in several sectors hours later the enemy's infantry ad-vanced to the attack in the region of

outh of the Playe After bitter fighting lasting the entire day the enemy was unable to ob tain any success with the exception of slight gain of territory near Chiesa-

An attempt to land infantry on the south wing, near Revedoll, which was supported by enemy raval forces, broke down. An Italian attempt to Bolsheviki control and surrender to effect a crossing near Zenson was frustrated.
On the Venetian mountain front the

fighting activity has been extraordipartly lively. West of Asolone a strong Forty-ninth Infantry Regiment north of Coi del Rosso. Near Asiago threw back Italian infantry attacks Near Asiago we There were moderate artillery duels on the Tyrol west front.

#### U. S. ARMY COMMANDS HIGHWAYS TO PARIS French Critic Tells Importance of Latest Gains.

Pafits, July 3 .- Major de Civrieux, icular emphasis upon the importance of the latest successes of the American forces west of Chateau Thierry. He

"The results obtained by the Americans are of considerable value, as the sector is important, being on the right Marne and the Oise. Hence it was essential to selse the best points of re- her readiness for peace, which, however, sistance offered by the terrain. The western outlet from Chateau Thierry is posing Powers. blocked at Hill 204 and Vaux, while the American position at Belleau Wood, press to a letter written by Mme. De-which has been organized, commands pong, wife of the Dutch Minister of War, which has been organized, commands the roads between Paris and the Clignon River. The Americans therefore have sorts of belligerent sovereigns and head-accomplished an excellent piece of work of States concerning peace. accomplished an excellent piece of work and are ready for any move the enemy

Major de Civrieux says that the American sector at this point is thirteen kilo- First Ship of 100 to Dip To-day meters (914 miles) long and that the army in the Bols de Belleau region, on reviewing the American troops return-

President Wilson's Cousin and Namesake Escapes Unhurt From Hail of Enemy Shells

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Thierry, and Lieut. James Lisle of Leavenworth, Kan., regimental intelligence officer, were shelled by the Germans yesterday. They were making a reconnaissance for new artillery positions in the Belleau Wood, renamed by France to-day Bois des Americains, as the entire forest has been occupied by the Americans.

Capt. Woodbridge was standing by a tree which was cut down by a shell. A private who accompanied the party was struck by shrapnel; the two officers carried him to safety up a narrow path under fire and then returned to their reconnaissance work.

## IRISH PRAY FOR U.S. FLIERS BAG 7 FOE PLANES U.S. SYMPATHY

Message to President Wilson American Air Patrols in Cites Our Own Action of 142 Years Ago.

Recounts Grievances and Invokes Our Aid.

DUBLIN, July 3 .- The Mansion House anti-conscription conference held toare holding all their recent gains and night issued the message sent to Presihave repelled Austrian counter attacks dent Wilson through Ambassador Page The document is lengthy for Lieuts. J. H. Stephens, New York: consolidated the positions and awaiting in Ireland. It asks sympathetic judgnew moves by the enemy. In the fight- ment from the United States at a time when Great Britain, which strove a century and a half ago to crush the roll of captives and have taken twenty- American colonies for asserting the two more machine guns and quantities principle of no taxation without the principle of no taxation without the consent of its representatives, now threatens to crush the Irish people unless they consent to a blood tax against

the protests of their representatives. The document emphasizes that up un il the year 1900 the privilege of free citizens to bear arms in self-defence always had been refused to Ireland and achieved in a battle royal, high in the cept as skirmishers.

"During the American Revolution the hampions of your liberties appealed to have been one of the famous German from the descendants of our banished worst of the engagement.

fused we are required by law to bleed with several built holes. o 'make the world safe for democracy' gratulations for the efficient protection every country except our own." Asserting that the bones of 10,000 given the infantry and artillery during uldren of Ireland fie whitening on the the operations Monday night and yesbattlefields of the present war the appeal terday west of Chateau Thierry.

they hoped their sacrifices might help free of enemy airplanes. The French guns answered the German challenge to freedom lies unredeemed under an age | commander in this district has sent of-"So too would it forever lie." It adds. Ireland to immolate himself in Eng- and chased the Germans off, after getland's service unless the clamor of a ting in some good shots. One Ameri-dominant caste be rebuked and stilled." can machine failed to return. Yesterday minant caste be rebuked and stilled."

to defend to the last their liberties against our oppressors."

Betblehem Steel Demands Damages From Lehigh Valley.

loads af ammunition and two carloads ENEMY AIRMEN LESS of combination fuses in the explosion which, it is asserted, was due to the near ligence of the railroad company in not having careful handlers of ammunition Total of Thirteen Machines military critic of the Matin, lays par- at the docks and in not providing adequate fire protection.

### EMPRESS BLAMES ALLIES.

Asserts Germany Has Tried Repeatedly to Obtain Peace. THE HAGUE, July 3 .- Germany reneatedly has manifested unmistakably

## LAUNCHED AT MIDNIGHT.

Takes to Water at Lake Port.

SUPPRIOR, Wis. July 4 - The first of

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL. Cable Despatch to Tan Sun and the Public Ledger.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, July 3 .- Capt. · Woodrow Wilson Woodbridge of Denver, cousin of President Wilson and artillery adjutant in the area northwest of Chateau

Two Days.

in Which Germans Ad-

mit Losses.

By the Associated Press.

brought down. Victories are claimed

K. L. Porter, Dowagiac, Mich.; Ralph

O'Neill, Denver, and Maxwell Perry,

All told, Tuesday and Wednesday the

Among the airmen engaged in the

fighting to-day was Quentin Roosevelt.

youngest son of Col. Theodore Roose-

American aviators are receiving cop-

One American pursuit unit encoun-

Bentan, via London, July 3 .- The

Four airplanes were shot down

In this fight, which lasted half an

ACTIVE, IS REPORT

Destroyed by British.

LONDON, July 3 .- The official commun-

cation dealing with aerial operations

The weather July 2 was fine but

hazy. Our machines carried out recon-naistance, artillery and photographic work as usual, but there was less en-

emy activity.
Thirteen German airplanes were de-

stroyed and nine others were driven down out of control. One German balloon was shot down. Four of our

machines are missing.
Nineteen tons of bombs were dropped

n the course of the day and night or

GERMANS RAISE BELGIAN LEVY

Sum Increased to \$150 a Month

enemy railways, dumps and billets.

chines failed to return.

reads:

from an American squadron of nine

ficial congratulations.

Indianapolis.

wounded.

Twenty Combats in

asks what is to be their reward-"the Americans kept the air, especially on ground and air throbbed with the conspot on earth they loved best and which the American side of the line, virtually

The document concludes with an elo- a damaged German machine was found sient appeal to the President, "whose inside the American lines. exhortations have inspired the souls of the pations of the world with fortitude

# SUES FOR BLACK TOM LOSS.

TRENTON, July 3 .- The Bethlehem Steel Corporation has filed a suit in the was engaged in battle, to the north of guns, eighteen light machine guns Supreme Court to recover damages Chateau Thierry yesterday, with a Ger- six trench mortars, two grenness sunting to \$2,920,213 from the Lehigh | man squadron of similar numbers. Valley Railroad Company as a result of the Black Tom powder explosion in Jer- hour, it was announced from American ey City in 1916. The explosion oc- Headquarters, three German curred at the dock of the railroad com-

never has been entertained by the op-This is the reply of the German Emon behalf of Dutch mothers to the

The General commanding the French nearly 100 ships which will be launched Germany, says Les Nouvelles, has been to-day in American shipyards in cele-bration of the Fourth of July slid down 1000 franca monthly. This is equivalent reviewing the American troops return, bratton of the Fourth of July slid down to 750 frames per capita.

They field countries announced that the Bois de Belleau shipyard here. The vessel is a steel hereafter would be known as the Bois steamship of 3,400 tons and is named of payment.

The Germans have convoked the proher of properties of payment.

The July slid down to 750 frames per capita.

The Germans have convoked the proher of properties of payment.

Storm Troops Mowed Down by Machine Guns Before Trenches.

NEW ATTACK EXPECTED

Yankees Ready and Eager to Meet Any More Regiments Kaiser Can Send.

UNDER HEAVY SHELL FIRE

High Explosives and Gas Rain Steadily on Battle Line and Back Areas.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. July 3.—A heavy German counter attack against the American positions at Vaux, launched at 1 o'clock this morning, was repulsed, the enemy losing very heavily. Not a foot of the ground wen by the Americans in their attack on Monday night was

From the general conditions along the battle line it appears that further attacks by the Germans are likely was over a flooded section of the coun- OBJECTS TO "BLOOD TAX" ROOSEVELT'S SON IN IT to develop. The Americans, however, are just as ready for what is coming Vienna, in its statement of the fight-

Mowed Down in Masses.

The counter attack developed after the Germans had heavily bombarded Vaux and Bois de la Roche. When WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN the German infantry leaped from the FRANCE, July 3.—In the aerial fighting enemy trenches the troops came forto-day four more enemy machines were ward in close formation. In some cases whole companies were allowed to approach close to the American line, then the American machine gunners, from their hidden nests, let loose a perfect hall of bullets, mowing down patrols from American pursuit squad. the enemy ranks and piling the dead

rons in this sector engaged in about all over the ground where the Gertwenty combats, bringing down seven enemy planes. Two American aviators mans are trying to advance. The American artiflery lent efficient lost and one was seriously aid in completely breaking up the enemy

regiments of storm troops. The number of prisoners taken by the Americans in the operations near Chateau Thierry was increased to-day with-All the American air victories were out the American infantry operating ex-

skies over Chateau Thierry, when an Shells Rake New Positions. German shells have been rulning on the Irish Parliment against British ag- flying circuses. The "dog fight," as the the new American positions and the gression. To-day it is our turn to ap- American filers term such an engage- enemy fire has been answered by the peal to America. To-day, as in the days ment, lasted half an hour, the Germans American guns. The American line was of George Washington, nearly half of beating a retreat when it became ap- the target of projectiles of all calibres the American forces have been furnished parent that they were getting much the gas shells being mixed with high explo-All the American machines returned ing heavily in the areas behind the "Yet while self-determination is re- safely from the encounter, some of them battle line. The enemy fire, particularly on the right flank of the new positions at Vaux, was most intense for hours. The enemy artiflery this afternoon in creased the intensity of its fire in the Vaux region. The crash of exploding shells swelled to a roar, while the

Gunners Stripped to Waist. The American gunners, stripped to the were every man within the shores of tered a big enemy group late Monday waist, stood in the gun pits and on gun emplacements, feeding abelia as fast as they could handle them into the guns. and a steady stream of steel explosives

swept through space on to the enemy

cussions of shells. But the American

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the gunofficial communication of War Heads fire showed no signs of abating, the quarters to-night contains the following; enemy artillery work, if anything. evidencing more ferocity than ever over the fighting zone found the ground The American squadron of nine airobscured at places by the smoke of guns and shells. planes, from which the German War Office asserts four machines were shot Among the captured material thus

down, is doubtless the squadron which far counted are six heavy machine throwers, two hundred rifles, one motorcycle machine gun and large quan titles of ammunition and equipment At last reports the American machine were destroyed and two American ma- gunners were holding their grot repulsing small but desperate efforts of the Germans to regain the ground

wrested from them. The Americans are

reported to be well protected by their

temporary trenches and are not expos-

ing themselves needlessly to the storm of flying steel from the bursting German The German loss in killed is unknown but prisoners say that their orders were to drive back the Americans at all costs They have paid the highest cost possible, but have failed to perform the task ep-

FRENCH ALSO GAIN NORTH OF THE AISNE Advance Half a Mile on a

Front of Two Miles.

trusted to them.

LONDON, July 3. Still following their plan of punching holes in the German battle front, in which they have been the French last night attacked and tool the Germans by surprise on a front of about two miles at Moulin-sous-Touven: AMSTRUDAN, July 2.—The war contri-bution which Belgium has to pay to the Olse and the Alsne, and before the the this and the trailized what was the pering the French had penetrated in their positions more than half a mile. They hold the new ground to-day scattle counter attacks and rolled up the non-her of prisoners taken by them to the of whom seven were officers, the time tracks in the region of Yaux 2007a 34

attacks in the region of Vaux notes of